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To Whom It May Concern::

I am writing to express my opposition to the Bush administration's proposal to repeal the Clinton administration's rules on federal contractor responsibility. The rules require contracting officers to look at a company's record of complying with the law in deciding whether the company is a "responsible contractor" eligible to receive a federal contract.

As a taxpayer, I want my tax dollars to go to responsible companies that comply with the law, not to corporate lawbreakers. Companies that routinely violate laws designed to protect the environment, consumers, workers and other important rights shouldn't be rewarded with valuable federal contracts. That's unfair to companies that do comply with the law and allows chronic violators to profit from their lawbreaking.

I urge the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council not to repeal the contractor responsibility rules and to let the rules go into effect without further delay.

The primary function of government is to safeguard the citizens...its public. How can the very body that is expected to enforce law, to protect citizens, allow companies whose actions show disdain for the law and disrespect for the system, receive awards from that very system. This is like rewarding a child with a lollipop for misbehaving and then wondering why the child develops behavior problems!!! Those companies that go the extra mile to institute safeguards for environment and employees, often to the detriment of their profit margin, should be rewarded instead.

Sincerely,
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